

SAFETY COUNCIL of Greater St. Louis



NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2005

President's Message

Welcome to the summer edition of the Safety Council of St. Louis newsletter. The heat of the summer is upon us. This is the time when accidents and incidents go up. Take the extra time needed for travel and your summertime activities to make them safe!

In the last newsletter, I noted that the Council's Board of Directors (BOD) had an important decision to make - whether to stay affiliated with the National Safety Council (NSC). I am glad to report that after reviewing the revised chapter agreement in detail, the BOD agreed to have the St. Louis Council sign the agreement. This will allow us to continue to provide NSC certified training programs in our service territory. While many of the changes involved with the new chapter agreement will be transparent to most of our members, one thing will change - payment of dues. Beginning this August, all St. Louis chapter members will be paying one dues payment for local and National Safety Council. We strongly encourage all members who have not paid their 2005 dues do so immediately - to the St. Louis Council before this change. It could save you some money in 2005.

Fair St. Louis went well. The St. Louis Safety Council was represented through our Safetyville program for small children. This is an important part of the Council's work because it is a free community service which is required for our non-profit status. I want to thank all those members who volunteered to work the Fair for us this year. Safety Training and Community Service - it's what the St. Louis Safety Council is all about!

Michael L. Menne
President, Board of Directors

A Note from the Executive Director

Summer is almost half over, can you believe it! Some things remain constant, regardless of the season; people discussing their family, jobs, traffic and the weather are a part of almost every conversation. In these conversations, we share our joys, sorrows, triumphs and tribulations with those we know and perfect strangers.

Many of these sorrows and tribulations can be mitigated by an ounce of prevention - being a bit more patient and prudent at home, in the workplace, and especially behind the wheel of any vehicle - car, boat, motorcycle, and airplane. This is a special time of having fun, and taking advantage of and making spare time. Summer, like the holiday season involves too much rushing, too much stress, trying to do all of the A to B to C's in the least amount of time possible.

We need to remember that when we have that extra glass of enjoyment, stay up too late, or just have too many distractions, long-term, devastating consequences may occur. Summer is a time to slow down, re-energize, and spend extra time with friends and family. Please enjoy all that summer has to offer in a safe and sensible manner so that we may have many more to share.

Have a wonderful summer, don't forget the hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and to Buckle Up. ENJOY!

Leslie Foran
Executive Director

Welcome New Members!

We welcome the
Gateway Building Components.

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Safetyville at Fair St. Louis

This was the 25th Anniversary of Fair St. Louis and the Safety Council of Greater St. Louis again participated in the Family Fun Village at the Fair by offering the **Safetyville** program! Safetyville is a pedestrian and traffic safety program for children under age 7, although many older children participate in a variety of ways. It teaches the basics of being careful while walking and behind the wheel, in this case, tricycles! The children have an absolutely wonderful time and it is almost impossible to get some of these young drivers off the course!

A big thank you from the staff and the Board of Director's at the Council to our 120+ volunteers at the Fair. Their OUTSTANDING service and dedication allows us to bring Safetyville to the community at-large at the Fair. Without these wonderful people, it would be impossible.

We enjoyed meeting each and every volunteer and hope they all return next year. A special thank you to our men and women in uniform and the Federal Employees who comprised the bulk of our volunteers this year. Talk about dedication and giving to their country and community!

Missouri Driving

Unfortunately, the Greater Metropolitan Region is leading the state in its contribution of fatal accidents. The numbers are as follows:

Statewide Fatality Totals as of July 4:

2005 Year to date fatalities – 621
2004 Totals up to 7/4/04 - 585
6% increase for the year
2004 Year End Total = 1,130

Let's all slow down, buckle up, not drink and drive, and pay a bit more attention so we aren't one of these statistics!

AUGUST 1, 2005 A New Beginning for the Safety Council!

The Board of Directors of the Safety Council of Greater St. Louis has approved a NEW Affiliation Agreement with the National Safety Council. You, as members, will be receiving notification in the mail in the near future regarding this change and what it means to you.

Most change will be internal to the Council; however, the biggest change will be in membership. As a member of either organization, you will now benefit from having a "Joint Membership" with both NSC and the Safety Council! A definite win-win for all.

If you have not renewed your membership with St. Louis chapter, please do. Some categories of membership will unfortunately have some price changes, others may not. Regardless, WE HOPE YOU RENEW your membership with the Safety Council of Greater St. Louis ASAP! We need you, want you and sincerely hope that you call us, even if it is just to say "Hello!" Thank you all for your support. - Leslie Foran

Trooper Ralph Tatoian Benefit T-Shirts

Funds raised will go to the Ralph Tatoian Trust Fund. Gray T-Shirt with the Missouri Highway Patrol Memorial Pin Silk-Screened on the left chest. Trooper Ralph Tatoian #1140 in large print on the back. Please have orders and money to me by May 16. Todd Barthelmass at 314-750-4385. Tatoian was killed in the line of duty, April 20. His cruiser crashed into the back of a tractor-trailer, while he was responding to a call in Franklin County. Trooper Tatoian is survived by his wife, Deborah, and three children.

Officer Scott Armstrong Memorial Highway

Governor Blunt signed a bill renaming a portion of Highway 370 to the Officer Scott Armstrong Memorial Highway. Officer Armstrong was killed in the line of duty on January 12, 2005, when his police vehicle crashed head-on into a drunk driver traveling in the wrong direction on Highway 370. by a wrong-way, drunk driver. A westbound truck traveling in front of Armstrong's patrol car swerved to get out of the way of the wrong-way driver, resulting in Armstrong having too little time to react. Armstrong left behind an 8 yr. old son.

UL Warns of Hazardous Counterfeit Extension Cords

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) is notifying inspection authorities, retailers, and consumers that certain 9, 12 and 15-foot extension cords bear counterfeit UL Listing Marks on the cord and/or packaging, do not meet UL safety requirements, and pose a risk of fire and electric shock. The manufacturer of these products has not been identified and they create a hazard because they utilize undersized electrical wires, posing a risk of fire and electric shock. In addition, the cord, plug and receptacle have not been evaluated by UL. The cords are white or off-white in color with a plug on one end and a three-plug receptacle on the opposite end. The cord may have a counterfeit UL holographic label attached near the plug that has the description "E-174825," "CORD SET," "BV-5508" and "13A 125 V" and "1625 W" or "1825 W."

Don't Throw Away Your Old Cell Phone!

Recycle your old cell phone by giving it to the Safety Council! Collect them from your friends, family and co-workers. This is a mini-fundraiser for the Safety Council and it helps others who can benefit from your discards. The Safety Council will gladly send a collection box for large donations. Please contact Sedida or Fatima at 314-621-9200 or 1-877-BE SAFE 8 if you have any questions.

Special Sale

Looking for a 1926 Construction CFR by CCH? Due to a shipping error, the Council has a number of new, current copies at BARGAIN BASEMENT prices! Contact Fatima, Sedida or Leslie if you are interested – 314 621-9200.

Don't Be a Victim of Identity Theft

Identity Theft - we all know about it and think and hope it won't happen to us. Think again. According to the Federal Trade Commission, many of us will become victims of this devastating crime. There are many things we can do to protect ourselves such as:

- NEVER give personal information over the phone or through email.
- ALWAYS protect your wallet and personal information when out in public, in the workplace, and even in your own home.
- ALWAYS shred personal information.
- ALWAYS carefully check your bank and credit card statements.
- NEVER send cash through the mail and only send remittances through secure mailboxes.
- REVIEW your credit report annually.
- CHANGE your passwords frequently, using words that are non-trivial.

These are just a few of the most common tips to help protect yourself and your loved ones. Many banks and institutions are offering "Gift Cards" which function like a credit card but don't have the identity information and limit the potential liability to whatever you place on the card. Many of us have aging family and friends and forget that they need to have this information conveyed to them. Thousands of our elderly are bilked out of their life savings by a shrewd con artist. Adding our loved ones to the "No-Call" lists can help protect them from some forms of loss.

For more information or if you think you may be a victim of this horrible crime, contact any of these government websites at:

<http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft>,
<http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/alerts/index/html>,
<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/idtheft.html>, and
<http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/idtheft.htm>

A final word of caution - many fraudulent operations are masquerading as assistance and information centers - be careful who you contact and what you tell them!

Certificate Programs

Safety Excellence through Professional Development

Injuries down - profits up.

About 20% of your corporate profits are eaten up every year by preventable workplace injuries.

One disabling injury can cost you \$29,000.

One devastating fatality can set you back \$1 million.

The numbers don't lie.

For every \$1 your company invests in safety training, you should expect a \$3 savings in injury costs. No further proof is needed. Safety training is the smart investment.

3 steps to a safer workplace and a healthier bottom line.

The National Safety Council's Occupational Safety & Health Certificate Training Programs can help lower your risks - and your costs.

1. [Certificate in OSHA Compliance](#)
2. [Certificate in Principles of Safety](#) - **NEWLY REVISED**
3. [Advanced Safety Certificate](#) - **NEW COURSE ADDED**

Choose from three programs that will make a positive impact on your organization's safety. Start where you want, and go as far as you need. Earn certificates at your convenience. NSC offers courses coast to coast, year round. They're all developed by experts in the field and delivered by National Safety Council certified instructors.

Call for more information, ask to speak with the Occupational Safety Department at 314 621-9200 or 1 800 BE SAFE 8.

2nd Annual Safety & Health Conference – Nov. 18

The planning committee for the Safety & Health conference has already been meeting to coordinate all of the events for the 2nd annual Safety & Health Conference. The conference will be held at the Saint Louis University Busch Center on November 18, 2005. An audience of over 300 people is expected to attend the conference where they will receive updated information on current safety and health topics. Please mark your calendars and contact the Safety Council at safetycouncil@stlsafety.org for more information.

Safety Management Techniques (SMT)

Newly revised and updated 4-day course

The National Safety Council's newly revised 4-day course shows you how to lead safety in your organization, and get your team involved in safety and health efforts.

Here's what's new in SMT:

In just four days, you'll get the best of SMT, with four all-new modules:

Dynamics of Organizational Safety Culture
Safety Performance Measurements
Defining Roles and Responsibilities
Business Case for Safety Management System

We've reviewed and updated the whole program, with more emphasis on management leadership and commitment, measurement systems, and continuous improvement.

You'll also get:

Nine Elements of an Effective Safety
Management System
Case Studies in Safety and Productivity, Volume
One
Injury Facts CD-ROM, current edition
Safety and Health Code of Ethics

Get more information and register today!

**Call the Safety Council of Greater St. Louis at
314 621-9200 or 1 800 BE SAFE 8 or email
publications@stlsafety.org**

HELP WANTED!!!

Assistant Safety Director – Southern Illinois Builders Association, O'Fallon, Illinois. Job description on file at the Safety Council or call Donna at SIBA at 618 624-9055.

Central Intelligence Agency and the **Federal Bureau of Investigation** are actively recruiting. The FBI has an age limit of 37, the CIA does not. The CIA is recruiting for over a 100 types of positions. Please check their websites for more information, then write or call the appropriate office.

2005 Safety Council of Greater St. Louis Training Calendar

Call 314-621-9200 for more information on classes

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| July 11 | Overhead Crane Basic Rigging | Aug. 19 | Machine Guarding | Sept. 6 | Respirator Training |
| July 12 | Overhead Crane Inspection Re-certification | Aug. 25 | Ergonomics | Sept. 8 | Flagger Training |
| July 13-15 | Overhead Crane Inspection | Aug. 26 | Lift Truck Training the Trainer | Sept. 9 | Safety Management for Small Business |
| July 25 | Coaching the Mature Driving | Aug. 30 | Lift Truck | Sept. 11 | Team Safety |
| July 26 | Safety Inspections | Aug. 31 | Emergency Response | Sept. 14 | Coaching the Utility Truck Driver |
| Aug. 2 | OSHA Recordkeeping | Sept. 1 | Rapid Eye Check | Sept. 15 | Personal Protective Equipment |
| Aug. 12 | Entry Level CDL | Sept. 2 | Electrical Safety | Sept. 16 | Workplace Safety |
| Aug. 17 | Coaching the Van Driver | Sept. 6 | Compressed Gas Safety | Oct. 3-6 | POSH (Principles of Occupational Safety & Health) – Phase 1 of the Advanced Safety Certificate |
| DEFENSIVE DRIVING IS ON-GOING THROUGHOUT THE REGION | | | | | |

BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL

The Safety Council is offering a Back-to-School Special for all First Aid, CPR, and Defensive Driving classes, *extra special discounts* for Teen Driver, Van, and SUV classes! Call Ronnie, Sedida or Fatima for details.

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